GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR BHOPAL GAS VICTIMS
GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI;KANTILAL BHURIA

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent proposals for different rehabilitation programmes for Bhopal Gas Victims;

(b) if so, the details in this regard programme wise;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government on each of such programmes; and

(d) the time by which the aforesaid programmes are likely to be sanctioned and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)to(d):Earlier, the Central Government had approved an Action Plan submittedby the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas victims with a total outlay ofRs.163.10 crore. The outlay was subsequently increased to Rs.258 crore in phases. The expenditure was to be shared between the Central Governmentand the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75:25. The CentralGovernment has released its entire share of Rs.193.50 crore. Recently, the State Government has submitted a number of proposals such as creating ofCorpus fund to meet the recurring expenditure on the Schemes completed under the Action Plan, establishment of Memorial at UCIL premises, disposal of toxicwastes lying in UCIL premises, water supply to the gas affected wards,development of parks and plantation in gas affected wards, construction of additional houses etc. amounting to Rs.1755 crore with the request that it could be funded from the unspent money lying with Reserve Bank of India.According to Supreme Court directions, the money received from the Union Carbide isearmarked for paying compensation to the Bhopal Gas victims. All the compensation claims have not yet been decided. In some of the proposals, the State Government has been advised to take up the matter with the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.